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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed November 22, 2002, please enter and consider the
following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 27 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method synchronizing an earth terminal in a satellite
communication network, the method comprising:
- (a) maintaining a downlink symbol counter clocked at a downlink clock rate;